

A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, Nevada was born during wartime and its citizens have served their nation courageously and proudly in uniform for 150 years since; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 1864, mere months after Nevada became a state, President Abraham Lincoln affirmed the nation's commitment to serve its veterans and their families in his second inaugural address, obligating the nation "to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan"; and

WHEREAS, the nation is anticipating the conclusion of the longest wars in its history, and thousands of Nevadans have directly served in these wars and thousands more have awaited their return; and

WHEREAS, with countless service members, veterans, and their families transitioning out of the military in the coming years, Lincoln's words are as appropriate today as they were when he first said them; and

WHEREAS, in terms of services, resources, benefits, and opportunities afforded to those who are currently serving, those who are returning, and those who currently live in our state, it is my stated goal to make Nevada the most veteran- and military-friendly state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, reaching this goal will require increased effort and commitment from our communities as well as local, state, and federal service providers to ensure the successful reintegration of our veterans and the continued service to our veteran and military populations; and

WHEREAS, my Administration has worked hard in recent years to identify and prioritize needs and build collaborative solutions to increase the delivery of services, benefits, opportunities, and resources to veterans in our state; and

WHEREAS, the cornerstone of this effort to date has been the Green Zone Initiative, a unique systems change model that has established an architecture to improve service delivery, the policy development process, and the state's ability to reach its veterans; and

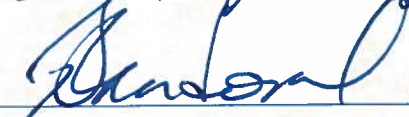
WHEREAS, we will build on these efforts in the coming year to ensure that we live up to President Lincoln's commitment by focusing every effort to serve our veterans, service members, and their families and establishing Nevada as the most veteran- and military-friendly state in the nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim 2014 as

THE YEAR OF THE VETERAN IN NEVADA



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 6th day of January, 2014.


By the Governor: Governor


Secretary of State

By _____
Deputy